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SUBJECT: ~~KIDNAP~~ KIDNAPPING OF SWISS AMBASSADOR

REF: RIO 8879

1. PRESIDENTIAL PRESS OFFICE RELEASED TO NEWSPAPERS

YESTERDAY NOTE ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF LIST OF

PRISONERS WHOSE RANSOM DEMANDED BY KIDNAPPERS.

NOTE INDICATED THAT LIST CONSIDERED AUTHENTIC,

SINCE ADDRESSED TO MIN JUSTICE AND DATED AND SIGNED

BY BUCHER. NOTE SAYS GOB READY TO SEND ABROAD

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ALL INDIVIDUALS ON LIST EXCEPT FOR NINETEEN WHO
EITHER: (A) INVOLVED IN MURDER OR KIDNAPPING; (B)
SENTENCED TO LONG PRISON TERMS; (C) CANNOT BE
IDENTIFIED; (D) DO NOT WISH TO LEAVE BRAZIL; OR
(E) ARE NOT IMPRISONED. PRISONERS EXCEPTED FROM
RELEASE IN GOB NOTE IDENTIFIED ONLY BY NUMBER OF
POSITION K ON LIST, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED.
NOTE CONCLUDES BY CONTINUING TO HOLD KIDNAPPERS
RESPONSIBLE FOR W LIFE AND WELL-BEING OF BUCHER.
2. NEITHER US-BRAZIL CITIZEN NANCY UNGER NOR SWISS-
BRAZIL CITIZEN JEAN VAN DER WEID EXCLUDED BY GOB
FROM RANSOM EXCHANGE, DESPITE SIMILARITIES THEIR
SITUATIONS TO OTHERS WHOSE EXCHANGE REFUSED. K

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3.. CHIEF OF AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE IN RIO ARRESTED BY DOPS YESTERDAY FOR HAVING RETAINED COPY OF KIDNAPPERS LIST OF 70 PRISONERS (WHICH CONVEYED TO HIM BY TERRORIST ON FRIDAY) AND HAVING FURNISHED IT TO VARIOUS INTERESTED PARTIES. VEJA REPORTS LIST NOW ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ACKNOWLEDGED BY GOB AS AUTHENTIC (IDENTICAL TO ONE GIVEN FRANCE PRESSE) WAS DELIVERED AT O GLOBO OFFICE ON SATURDAY IN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO JUSTICE MINISTER.

4. COMMENT: NEXT MOVE UP TO KIDNAPPERS. IMPASSE ~~AT~~ AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, /
COULD DEVELOP, WHICH WOULD ALLOW GOB MAINTAIN IT DOING ALL REASONABLY POSSIBLE OBTAIN RELEASE BUCHER BUT AT SAME TIME CONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS.

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